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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James O. Farmer et al.

Serial No.: 09/899,410

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Title: System and Method for Communicating  
Optical Signals Between a Data  
Service and Subscriber

GAU: 2874

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTBox Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTIn the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

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